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Dear Bob,

This has been one of those days of countless interruptions and needs that kept me from what I wanted to spend the day doing.

We have not moved. They've renumbered the rural routes.

I now face a situation where I must drive from out of the city into it and make two stops in not much more than an hour and during a thunderstorm, so I'll have to be brief.

When I could not see him two earlier times Ernie Leiser was here yesterday afternoon. He is not for us. He did not come here for his ostensible purpose. And his intent to ridicule you is not only transparent, it is explicit. He says you talk nonsense, that he can't understand what you are talking about, that you have now connected "Cliff" and Youngblood, and that he has yet to film you but is going to Memphis next week.

Obviously none of this has anything to do with defending Ray and that, too, may at some point be embarrassing to you and yours as well as at the client and all of us.

I was reluctant to talk to him at all but felt I had no choice. There is only one defense investigator. But there are three lawyers and for legitimate purposes when they have only 30 minutes for the whole thing they need no more than one on film and they have at least one, the one who has been most active in the case and now is so overwhelmed by work that he alone does that he hasn't time to write letters.

Leiser was polite about it but he also tried to blackmail Jim. He backed off when Kim refused to be blackmailed. He has a past of which I can tell you if you want to know but not now.

I wanted to make two tapes of our conversation, one for him and one for us. Leiser declined. Two others not with him were here. I find his unwillingness to go away with a tape not typical for one in his business. The one purpose it served was for me not to have one also.

Jim, who has had more to do with these people, feels more strongly than I that you should not be filmed or taped or appear in any way. This will not prevent them from quoting whatever you may have said but it will deny them footage and it will not show your face or voice in what inevitably will be hurtful to you, your practice, your family and to Jimmy. Jim asked me to write Ray to this effect. I have also told Jimmy that if he has any questions to phone Jim. Bud is to call me later about another matter and I presume that Jim will have discussed this with him before then.

Jim is persuaded that these people are going to make a big thing out of disagreement among counsel. That alone can hurt the client and for that there is no legitimate journalistic need. I have no less to go on than Jim but the clear indications to me from Leiser confirm Jim. So, please be careful henceforth and please do not agree to be interviewed for air use. If you have any questions please call me and if you think you will want to listen to it again or for any other purpose, be prepared to tape our conversation. I'll be able to do the same thing for Jim and Bud.

Hastily,
Harold Weisberg